GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2840
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2002
RAILWAY TRADE APPRENTICES
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway Trade Apprentices, duly trained, awaiting absorption in regular jobs in North East Frontier Railway and other zones for the last three years;

(b) the policy for absorption and utilisation of services of such trained personnel; and

(c) the time by which the existing trade apprentices are likely to be absorbed in different zones?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2840 BY SHRI M. K. SUBE BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 5.12.2002 REGARDING RAILWAY TRADE APPRENTICES

(a) to (c) Under the Apprentices Act it is obligatory to train apprentices in certain designated trades with the object of providing adequate trained manpower in Industrial skills for the developing industries in the country. Based on a joint survey conducted by Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Railways, quota for trade apprentices has been fixed for different units in Railways. Under Para 10 of the schedule V of the Apprenticeship Rules 1991, it shall not be obligatory on the part of the employer to offer any employment to any apprentice who has completed the period of his apprentice training in his establishment nor shall it be obligatory on the part of the apprentice to accept any employment under the employer. However, Ministry of Railways has issued orders that in the matter of recruitment, where other things being equal, an apprentice trained in the relevant trade in Railways will be given preference over other candidates. The number of Act Apprentices trained during the last three years i.e. 1999-2000, 2000- 2001 & 2001-2002 on Indian Railways was 4229 approximately (including 59 trained in Northeast Frontier Railway). In view of above, the question of Apprentices awaiting absorption and the time by which existing trade apprentices are likely to be absorbed in different zones does not arise.